

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights proposes to change regulations to clarify that the commission, not the hearing examiner, has decision-making authority in attorney's fees awards.

The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights (Commission) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 6 of the Alaska Administrative Code to clarify the decision-making authority in attorney's fees awards as follows:

(1) 6 AAC 30.492(a), dealing with attorney's fees and costs, is proposed to be changed to clarify that the commission, not the hearing examiner, has the authority to order attorney's fees or costs in a hearing before the commission, and that the hearing examiner will issue a recommended decision on a motion requesting an award of attorney's fees or costs.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights at 800 A Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Attn: Jean Kizer. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2013.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Margaret Taylor at 276-7474, ext. 239, no later than August 23, 2013, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Margaret Taylor at 800 A Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, 276-7474, ext. 239, or go to <http://www.humanrights.alaska.gov>.

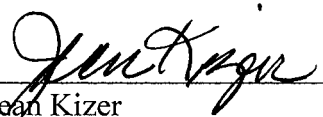
After the public comment period ends, the Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.** Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 18.80.050; 18.80.130

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 18.80.050; 18.80.130

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation change is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: July 25, 2013

  
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Jean Kizer  
Chief of Enforcement